



The Ninth Annual Economic Summit for Women, is NOW!

This year's theme, "Charting the Course to Economic Equality," undergirds the Ninth Annual Economic Summit taking place Monday, Oct. 22, at the Airport Marriott Hotel. This year's event has great speakers at the general sessions, excellent opportunities for interaction with the break-out sessions and networking opportunities to help women attain economic autonomy.

Yvonne Wood, Chair of the Council said, "We are excited about the caliber of speakers at this year's event and hope every woman in Tennessee will benefit, either by attending or associating with someone who does." This year's keynote speakers are Laurel Bellows, president

of the American Bar Association, Lilly Ledbetter, author and equal pay advocate and Deb Sofield, executive speech coach who is highly regarded as an excellent communications trainer for elected officials and women.

We are equally pleased with the "E" award recipients and the scholarship recipients. The "E" Awards represent economic "Excellence, Equity and Equality." The 2012 recipients include two individuals and one company from each grand division of the state that will be recognized for their outstanding work, and have notably improved the quality of life for women and girls in Tennessee. The individual recipients

are **Ms. Anita Vaughn of West Tennessee** (CEO of Baptist Women's Hospital) and **Dr. Shirley Hastings from East Tennessee** (Associate Dean and professor at the University of Tennessee Extension Services). The corporate recipient is **Deloitte, representing Middle Tennessee**, based on gender equity in hiring practices, supporting women to rise within the company without limits and providing opportunities for women to serve their communities.

Six women, including traditional and non-traditional students, will receive scholarships. You will read more about them in this newsletter.

Other conference activities will highlight areas of

finance, developing ways to make money and looking at domestic violence as both an economic and social issue. October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The deadline for Early Bird registration has ended, however you may still register to attend the conference up to Monday October 22, and on-site registration is available.

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2012 Winners of WECF Scholarships

Traditional Student Recipients



Akua Nuako
Martin, Tennessee
University School
of Jackson



Busra Gungor
Nashville, Tennessee
Martin Luther King
Magnet School



Emily Ehrnschwender
Knoxville, Tennessee
Bearden High School

The Women's Economic Council Foundation announced six scholarships of \$1,000 each for Tennessee women – two in each Grand Division of the state. Honorees in the traditional student category were se-

lected from among 87 high school seniors, while the non-traditional student honorees were chosen from 36 applicants who received their high school diplomas or GEDs more than five years ago. -Continued on page 2

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2012 Winners of WECF Scholarships

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These six join an outstanding roster of women who have received \$42,000 in WECF scholarships since 2006. Each recipient stood out among her peers based upon evaluation of academic achievement, letters of reference, school and community involvement and financial need. "While the 2012 recipients truly are extraordinary, I wish we could give more scholarships," said Patricia Pierce, WECF Scholarship Chair. "Each year I am impressed anew with how bright and giving all the applicants are. They are committed to improving their own economic autonomy, becoming mentors for others and making an impact in their communities."

Non-Traditional Student Recipients



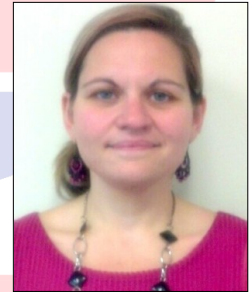
Shekina Hulon
Memphis, Tennessee

University
of Memphis



Colleen Conway
Columbia, Tennessee

Columbia State
Community College



Sarah Cedillo
Greenville, Tennessee

Tusculum College

TECW Applauded in First Oversight Hearing

Members of the General Assembly commended the Tennessee Economic Council on Women in early October for its diligence and effectiveness as advocates for women in the state, and recommended its continuation during a sunset hearing before a Government Operations Subcommittee.

"This is the first of several opportunities we will have to showcase the work we have done in Tennessee, and we were very encouraged by the response from members of the committee," said Yvonne Wood, Chair of the Council, after the committee hearing. "We know we are working hard each day, and it is important to know that members of the General Assembly recognize our efforts."

Several members of the Commerce, Labor and Transportation Subcommittee, which is a part of the larger Joint Government Operations Committee, used the hearing as an opportunity to express their appreciation of the Council's work, reflecting on experiences with constituents and others who have benefited from the agency's research and events. The committee's Vice Chair, Senator

Becky Massey of Knox County, emphasized the literal value that the agency offers by providing a broad array of services and information despite being one of the smallest and lowest funded agencies in state government.



Tennessee State Capitol

"The committee members were well aware of the good work we are doing on behalf of women in Tennessee," said Councilmember and State Representative Karen Camper of Memphis, "and we are excited to have this opportunity to affirm our work as we approach our Economic Summit for Women on October 22nd."

The Tennessee Economic Council

was founded by the General Assembly in 1998, and releases annual research relevant to the economic strength of women in the state. Among other things, the Council also holds summits throughout the state to provide opportunities for both men and women to come together, learn, and build capacity for growth among women and girls. The Council's premier summit event will be held on October 22nd at the Nashville Marriott, and will include speakers such as Lilly Ledbetter, namesake of the federal "Ledbetter Fair Pay Act," Laurel Bellows, president of the American Bar Association, and Deb Sofield, a renowned executive speech coach.

This hearing was the first of several stages in the sunset process. After the General Assembly returns to session, the full Joint Committee is expected to craft legislation that will include its recommendation for continuation of the TECW until it is set for its next Sunset hearing. At that point, the legislation will follow the standard path of any bill; through both chambers of the General Assembly and on to the Governor.



Dear Colleagues,

I am extremely excited about the upcoming Ninth Annual Economic Summit for Women. I join the Council Chair, Yvonne Wood and the entire 21-member Council as well as the Foundation Board to welcome you to this annual event.

This year's theme, "Charting the Course to Economic Equality," will allow all the attendees to discover new and innovative ways to attain economic autonomy. You are in for a great experience—networking, learning, researching and developing new skills that will benefit women, as well as, children and families as a whole.

I also extend thanks to the partners: overall summit supporters, luncheon and reception partners and exhibitors. I look forward to seeing women and men of all walks of life at this event, which focuses on the economic impact of women's issues.

Phyllis Qualls-Brooks, Ed.D.
Executive Director

Summit Spotlight: Domestic Violence

Featured Session at the Economic Summit for Women will reveal how a cycle of domestic abuse impacts Tennessee's bottom line

At the 2012 Economic Summit for Women coming up on October 22 at the Nashville Airport Marriott, Patricia Shea, CEO and president of the YWCA - Nashville and Middle Tennessee, will present stories and statistics



Pat Shea

showing how domestic violence is an economic as well as a social issue. She will share how to identify domestic violence incidents and provide actions to help break the cycle of violence for victims.

The session is titled "The Economic Impact of Domestic Violence," and will be co-presented by Shea and Beth Curley, President of Nashville Public Television. Curley will present information about an upcoming series entitled Women and Girls Lead, which deals with domestic violence. The topic is particularly timely as October is National Domestic Violence Aware-

ness Month, when Americans have been called upon to speak out against domestic violence and support efforts to assist victims of these crimes.

"Domestic Violence is a widespread societal issue that hurts everyone, not just those from abusive homes," said Shea.

"According to the U.S. Violence Policy Center, currently Tennessee ranks third in the U.S. for the rate of women murdered by men. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated in a

2003 study the annual cost of lost productivity due to domestic violence is \$727.8 million nationally, which is equivalent to more than 32,000 full-time jobs each year. There is a lot of good work being

done by non-profits, government agencies and police departments, but it is vital that individuals educate themselves about warning signs of abuse and how to help the victims."

The Economic Council on Women has identified the impact of domestic violence on the Tennessee economy as its top priority for 2012-2013, involving a new benchmarking study with recommendations.

"While the focus of our study will be quantifying

the costs of domestic violence to our state's economy, we value the work organizations such as the YWCA and the Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence are doing to help



Beth Curley

victims of these crimes and to change attitudes that perpetuate the cycle of abuse," said Yvonne Wood, Chair of the Economic Summit for Women.

TECW Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 21-22, 2012

Ninth Annual Economic Summit for Women-Nashville

October 23, 2012

Quarterly Meeting-Nashville

January 4, 2013

Winter Quarterly Meeting-Nashville

May 17, 2013

Spring Quarterly Meeting-Nashville

June 14, 2013

East Tennessee Women's Leadership Conference-Knoxville

August 16, 2013

Annual Retreat

August 17, 2013

Summer Quarterly Meeting

October 20-21, 2013

10th Annual Economic Summit for Women Nashville

October 22, 2013

Fall Quarterly Meeting



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Rosemary Frank, MBA, CDFA

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